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1. FOLLOWING ARE US COMMENTS ON PARA 13, " ASPECTS OF  
DETERRENCE". WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENTS AS SOON  
AS POSSIBLE. ( NOTE: MR. CLINARD HAS REVIEWED THESE COM-  
MENTS IN WASHINGTON AND CONCURS.) IF MISSION HAS NO COM-  
MENTS, PAPER MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO UK DELEGATION ( STEWART)  
AND FRG DELEGATION ( THYSE). TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. THE US STUDY TEAM MEMBERS BELIEVE PARAGRAPH 13,  
" ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE", ASKS THE APPROPRIATE QUESTIONS.  
ALTHOUGH WE, LIKE THE FRG, HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT  
STUDYING THESE QUESTIONS, WE BELIEVE THE CONSEQUENCES OF  
NOT DOING SO OUTWEIGH THESE CONCERNS -- PARTICULARLY CON-  
SIDERING THAT NATO NATIONS DO NOT HAVE A MONOPOLY ON THE  
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DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES INVOLVED.

WE VISUALIZE A STUDY SOMEWHAT MORE LIMITED IN SCOPE THAN THAT SUGGESTED BY THE FRG DELEGATION. WE PROPOSE THAT THE STUDY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY NEW/ IMPROVED WEAPONS WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST, AND THEN CONDUCT A LIMITED RE-EXAMINATION OF ONE OR TWO SELECTED SITUATIONS IN THE PHASE I STUDIES IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE WHAT ADDITIONAL

OPTIONS THE NEW WEAPONS WOULD PROVIDE AND WHAT THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS MIGHT BE. BRIEFLY, THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE SHOWS HOW THE STUDY MIGHT BE ORGANIZED:

A. EXPLORE THE NEW TECHNOLOGY TO IDENTIFY THE NEW/ IMPROVED WEAPONS SYSTEMS THAT MIGHT BE WITHIN THE STATE OF THE ART AND OF INTEREST.

(1) DETERMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CAPABILITIES OF THESE WEAPONS.

(2) DETERMINE HOW THESE WEAPONS MIGHT BE EFFECTIVELY USED.

B. APPLY SOME OF THESE WEAPONS IN ONE OR MORE FOLLOW- ON USE SITUATIONS SELECTED FROM PHASE I STUDIES.

C. ASSESS THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF USING SUCH NEW/ IMPROVED WEAPONS.

D. DECIDE WHETHER THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED FROM THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES OUTWEIGH THE DISADVANTAGES.

3. IF THE OTHER DELEGATIONS FIND THIS GENERAL OUTLINE ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD BE READY TO PRESENT A BRIEFING ON SOME OF THE RELEVANT ASPECTS OF THE NEW WEAPONS AT THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME ANY PRESENTATIONS BY THE OTHER DELEGATIONS ON ANY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED STUDY.

4. THE STUDY TEAM MAY ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER IN SEPTEMBER  
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WHAT GROUP SHOULD CONDUCT THE STUDY, AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WANTS TO RECOMMEND TO THE NPG THAT IT AND/ OR THE DPC SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE WIDER AND MORE GENERAL IMPLICATIONS OF NEW/ IMPROVED TECHNOLOGIES FOR NATO'S DEFENSE.  
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